

Donate Life Texas, Inc. (DLT) is the nonprofit organization designated by the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) to maintain and administer the statewide donor registry known as the Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry. Consistent with Section 692A.020 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, DLT is governed by a Board of Directors, the voting members of which are the CEOs of Texas' three federally-designated organ procurement organizations (OPOs).

DLT is part of the national Donate Life America registry network. Organ, eye and tissue donation organizations consult state and national registries when a donation-eligible person passes away to confirm registration status. Only about 1-2% of people die in ways that allow for organ donation.

Texas Rep. Glenda Dawson's Legacy of Life

The Glenda Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry is the state's only official organ, eye and tissue donor registry. The registry empowers Texans to record legal consent for organ, eye and tissue donation after death, a gift that touches the lives of thousands of Texans every year.

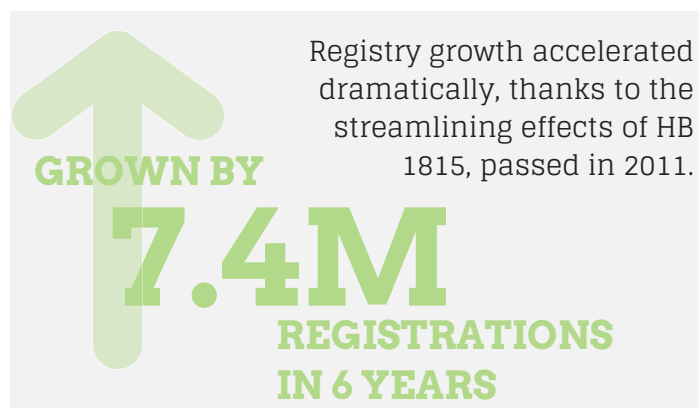
The Registry was established by the 79th Texas Legislature in 2005 and has partnerships with the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that allows individuals to join the donor registry when applying for or renewing a driver license, ID or vehicle registration.

The Donate Life Texas Registry was named in honor of Glenda Dawson, Texas 29th District House Representative, elected in 2002.

A kidney transplant recipient herself, Dawson was a passionate advocate for donation.

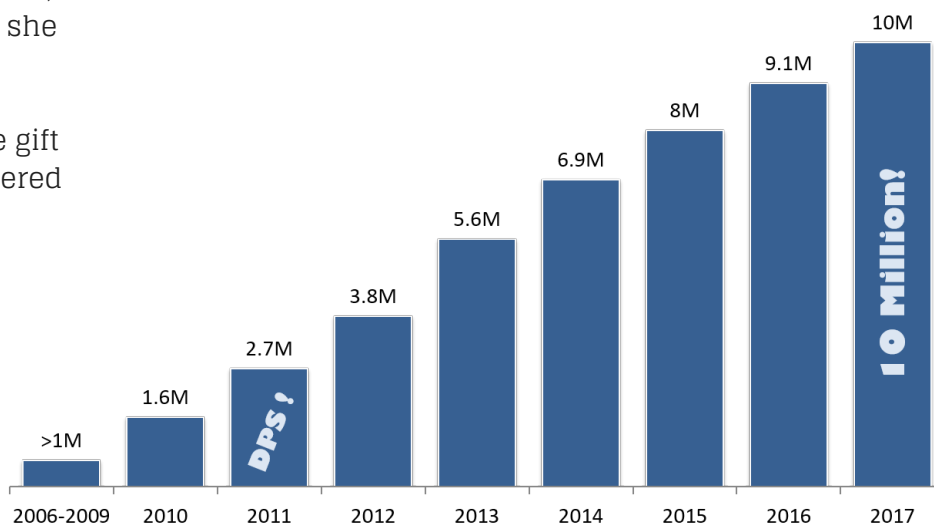
Dawson passed away in September, 2006, not long after the state donor registry she championed was established.

Today, her legacy lives on through the gift of life made possible by donors registered with Donate Life Texas.



Everything's Faster in Texas

DLT celebrated its 10 millionth registration in 2017 making it the fastest growing donor registry in the country.



Department of Public Safety

In Texas, most people join the registry by saying YES when asked about donor registration while they are applying for or renewing their driver license at a TXDPS office or online.

Texas Health and Safety Code Section § 692A.020 and the Texas Transportation Code Section § 521.401 outline the requirements of both DLT and TXDPS regarding data management, educational materials, staff training and specific registration question verbiage to be used on TXDPS forms and by personnel.

The partnership is part of Texas law, but the TXDPS staff have taken this mission to heart. They are a vital part of saving lives by registering many of the donors who will make lifesaving transplants possible in the future.

Signing Up to Save Lives in Texas



Visit DonateLifeTexas.org or DoneVidaTexas.org
Signing up takes less than a minute!

Mail or fax a paper registration, or sign up at one of many public awareness events held by DLT and supporting organ, eye & tissue organizations.



Say "Yes" when asked about donor registration when applying for or renewing Texas driver license, ID card or when renewing your Texas vehicle registration.



Use the MedID tab of the Health App on your iPhone.

(Try asking Siri if she's an organ donor!)

Sign up at a public awareness event using DLT's new Scan App, made possible by HB 3283 passed in 2015.

How is Donate Life Texas Funded?

DLT is solely funded by donations, including those made by Texans when applying for or renewing their driver's license or ID card. DLT receives no tax payer dollars and is not permitted to use any donor registration data for fundraising purposes.

All funds are used to maintain and administer the donor registry and to support public education about the lifesaving importance of organ, eye and tissue donation and donor registration.

DLT By The Numbers - 2017

83%

of Texas registrations are through the TXDPS

17%

of registrations are from other sources



44%

of registered Texans are male

56%

are female



31%

of Texas license or ID customers say "YES"

42%

is the national average

The Texas Donation Community

Thousands of people say YES to donation every day at Texas Driver License offices. Doing so relies on strong awareness and understanding.

The Texas Donation Community - DLT and the organ, eye and tissue donation organizations - are committed educating the public about the need for donation and the importance of donor registration. These organizations collaborate on community outreach programs and often partner with transplant programs and hospitals as well.



Every day across the state, passionate staff and volunteers attend and speak at events designed to promote the ability for Texans to create a lifesaving legacy by registering as a donor with DLT.



Statewide Awareness Campaigns

TXDPS Training and Support:

DLT materials and presentations are provided for both new and tenured TXDPS employees.

Driver Education:

Driver education materials help steer students to a better understanding of the importance of saying "yes" to donation when asked the question on their upcoming license application.

Unite4Life (U4L) Awareness Program:

Empowers individuals and groups to turn inspirations into action with tools and turn-key resources to host their own registration campaigns.

Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC)

Partnership: DLT was TASC's stateside service projects in the 2016-2017 school year. More than 100 TASC groups and schools have participated, resulting in more than 1,300 new additions to the TX registry.

Targeted community education campaigns:

DLT actively searches for opportunities to meet Texans where they are with the message of donation.



More about Texas Organ Procurement Organizations

By federal law, non-profit organ procurement organizations (OPOs) are the only organizations allowed to perform the lifesaving mission of recovering organs from deceased donors for transplantation. Texas is served by the three OPOs which operate in exclusive service areas.

They access the DLT Registry when a person dies in order to confirm registration status.

OPOs are regulated under the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. OPOs are certified and accredited through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and the Association for Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO), all of which require regular inspections of operations and management.

Right now, more than

10,000

men, women and children in Texas are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant

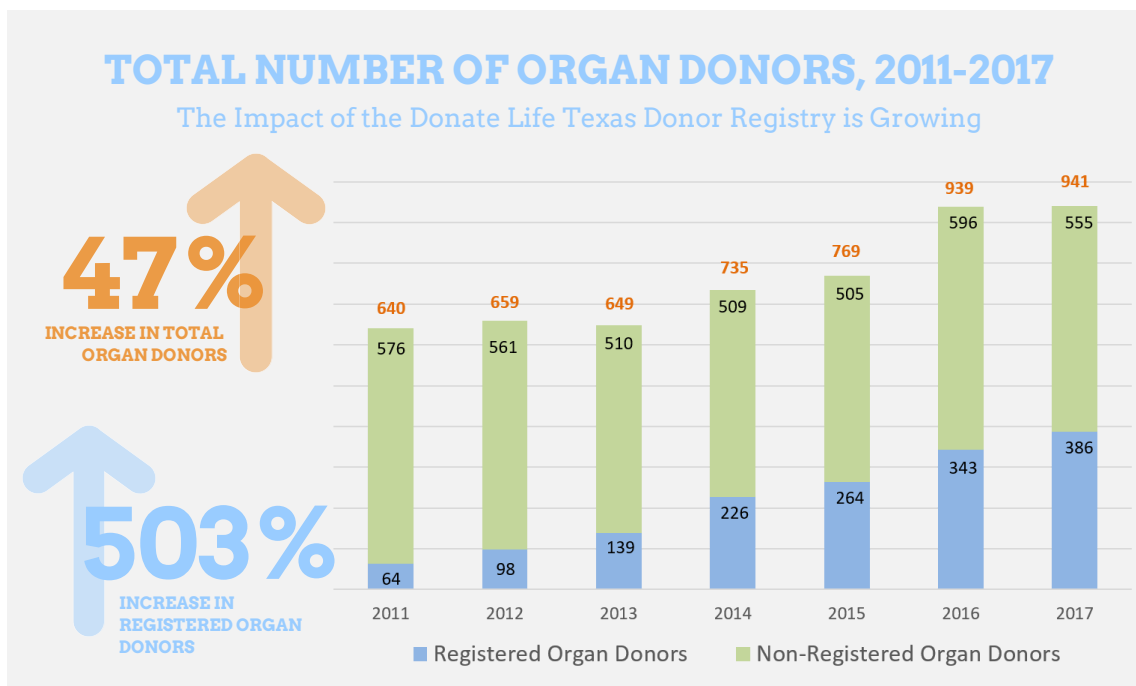
Organ Procurement Organizations Funding

All OPOs are federally-designated, 501 (c) 3 non-profit organizations established as part of the 1984 National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA). Under Medicare regulations, transplant centers may receive organs only from a federally-designated organ procurement organization.

Donor families are never charged for donation.

OPOs operate on a fee-for-service model regulated by CMS. OPOs charge transplant centers for the costs associated with the procurement of organs including expenses related to donor management and the surgical recovery, clinical testing, placement and transport of donor organs.

DLT is not an OPO, is funded solely through donations and receives no tax dollars.



84 (R) HB 3283

Gave DLT authority to use secure mobile technology to add registrations by scanning a Texas driver license or ID. Also added the registration question to commercial DL application and allowed Texans to support the registry financially by donating any amount they choose when applying for a driver license or ID card.

83 (R) SB 1815

DPS given authority to designate nonprofit to administer the registry. Established process for funds donated through the driver license and ID application process to go to Donate Life Texas.

82 (R) HB 2904

DSHS given authority to designate nonprofit to administer the registry. Simplified question on driver license application resulting in dramatic acceleration of registration in following years.

81 (R) HB 2027

Texas adopts the Revised Uniform Anatomic Gift Act (RUAGA) designed to help standardize anatomic gift laws across the country. Also affirmed first-person authorization, approved use of electronic signature for online registration and outlines data usage restrictions including prohibition about use of registry data for fundraising.

SB 1803

Established DLT registry as first-person authorization. Created requirement for DPS staff to ask license applicants donor registration question. DMV vehicle registration form added online link to DLT registration. Allows DLT materials in all DMV offices, and added registry question and info to DMV registration notice.

SB 1616

Established Donate Life Texas license plate. (DLT receives no revenue.)

80 (R) SB 1500

Renamed donor registry in honor of Texas Rep. Glenda Dawson, Dist 29.

79 (R) HB 120

Created the state's first official, internet-based donor registry called the Donor Education, Awareness and Registry (DEAR) Program of Texas. Established the \$1 voluntary contribution to support donation education.

77 (R) SB 154

Requires organ donation information to be included in Driver Education Courses in Texas.



DLT - There's an App for That!

In 2015, the passage of HB 3283 gave DLT the ability to register people as easy as...

Scan. Click. Done!

State law now allows DLT to use secure mobile technology to add people to the registry by scanning the bar code on a driver license or ID.

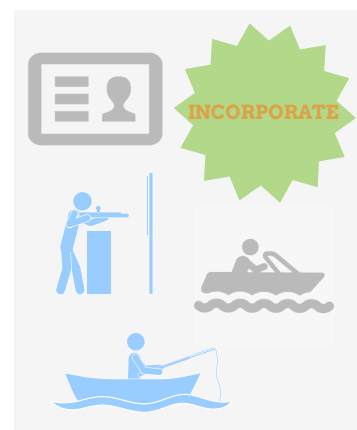
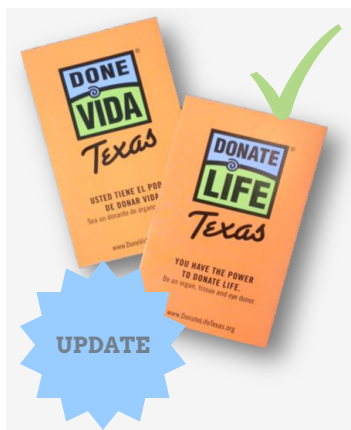
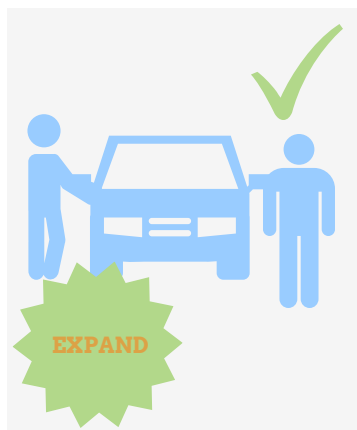
Since registering is so fast, DLT can sign up more people at special events, sports matches, concerts and school assemblies.



So far, 1,800+ people have registered via the DLT Scan App.

Increasing Registrations in Texas

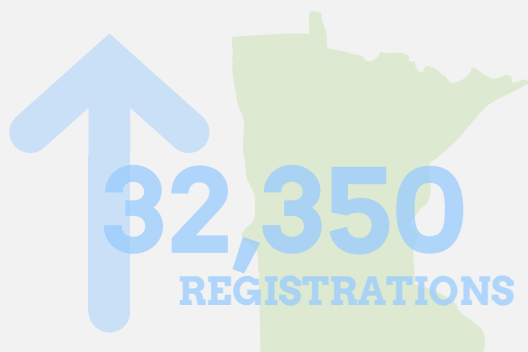
DLT is currently the second largest donor registry in the United States, behind California, and adds more than 1 million new people each year. Sustaining and growing this momentum will require new strategies and tactics such as expanding driver education initiatives, updating materials and creating more opportunities for Texans to say YES to donation by adding the registration question to hunting, fishing, concealed handgun and boating licenses.



Minnesota

First in U.S. to offer the option to register on hunting and fishing license applications.

Minnesota legislators passed the law in 2016 and it went into effect on March 1, 2017.



In the first year, 32,350 Minnesotans embraced the new way to register!

New York

Has had success placing the donor registration question in a variety of new and innovative ways.

- In 2010, voter registration forms
- In 2015, NYC municipal identification card
- In 2016, online health insurance marketplace applications



This year, they are working on legislation to add the question to hunting and fishing licenses.